**Deer Population**

762. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of deer population in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether deer population has increased or decreased over the past five years;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(d) the reasons for decrease, if any; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) The State-wise population figures of all the 9 species of deer which occur in the country are not maintained. However, the population of the Kashmir stag (Hangul) and the Manipur brow-antlered deer (Sangai), which have very localised distribution are as given below :

| *Sangai* (Keibul Lamjao National Park, Manipur. | *Hangul* (Dachigam National Park, J & K) |
|---|---|
| *1990* - 76 | *1992* - 110 |
| *1995* - 152 | *1995* - 290 |

(b) and (c) There is an increase in the population of the 2 species of deer as shown above.

(d) Does not arise

(e) All the 9 species of deer which occur in the country are fully protected against hunting and commercial exploitation under the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. Besides, the deer and their habitat is also especially protected through a network of national parks and sanctuaries which have been established throughout the country.

**Trains from Howrah to New Delhi**

763. SHRI HARADHAN ROY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to introduce more superfast trains from Howrah to New Delhi and other places of the country which at present do not have direct train services; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). Provision of additional passenger services by way of introduction of superfast trains including from Howrah to New Delhi and other places is a continuous process subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification and resources availability.

*[Translation]*

**Intercity Trains**

764. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the stations at which Intercity Express between Bhopal and Indore halts;

(b) whether the Government propose to decrease the number of halts of Intercity Express during the current year to reduce the travelling time of the train; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) (a) At present, 9903/9904 Bhopal-Indore Intercity Express (DMU) is stopping at Shujalpur, Ujjain and Dewas only.

(b) No, Sir

(c) Does not arise.

*[Translation]*

**Crimes**

765 SHRI R.L.P. VERMA Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether crimes in the country have increased during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the comparative figures; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to prevent recurrence of crimes in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b). A set of Statements I to II are enclosed.

(c) Even though, as per provisions contained in the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution, 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects, the Central Government has been guiding the States on improving various facets of police functioning including crime control. The Central Government has been providing financial assistance to the States as well for modernising their police forces